



## Cables impacting the South and Eastern Mediterranean

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**Only four major east-west cables have more than one Arabic landing points in the Mediterranean.  
This topology makes Alexandria an R&E PoP of choice.**

**SMW-3 : Alexandria and Tetuan (Morocco)**

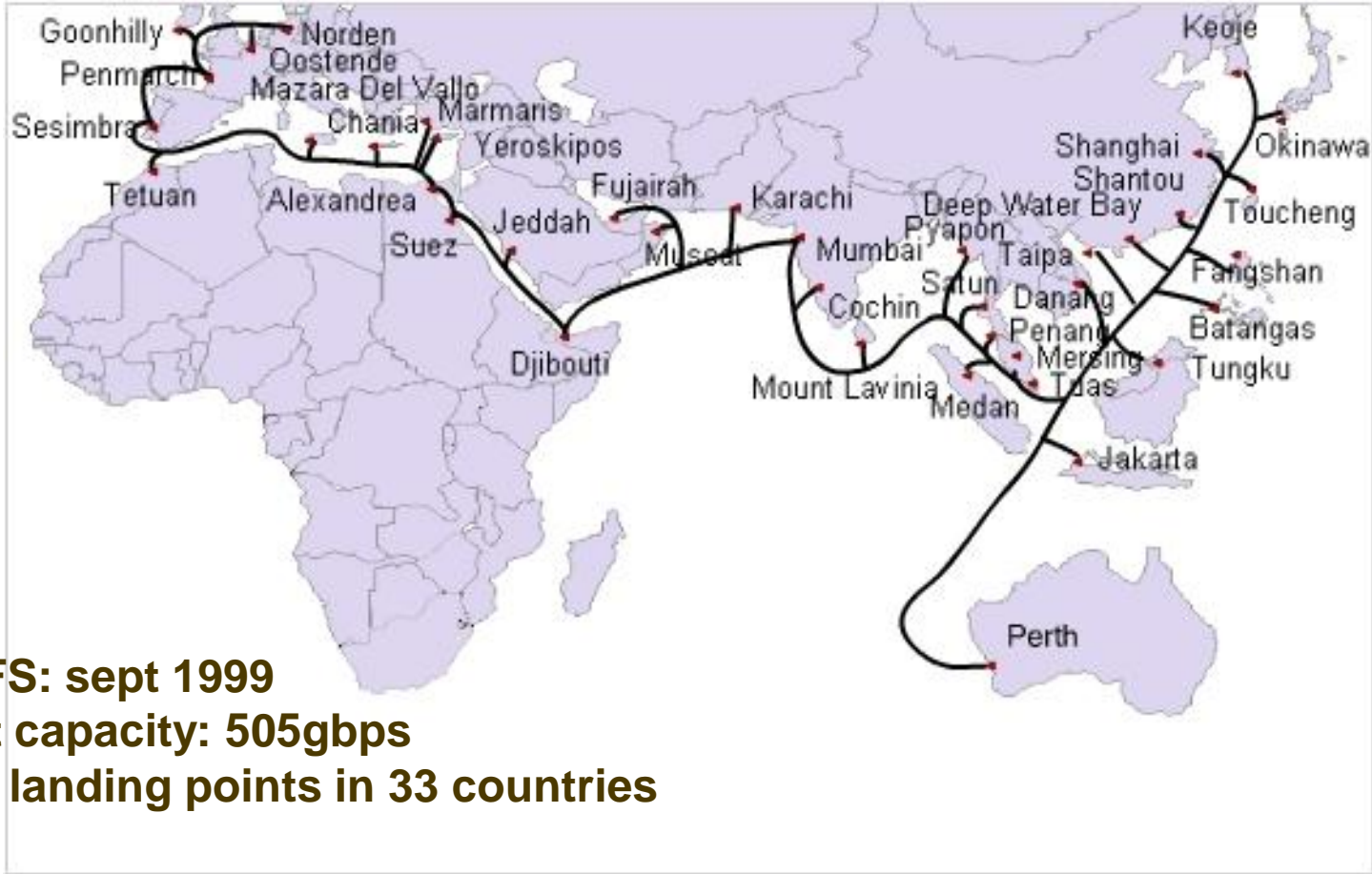
**SMW-4: Alexandria, Bizerte (Tunisia) and Annaba (Algeria)**

**IMEWE: Alexandria and Tripoli (Lebanon)**

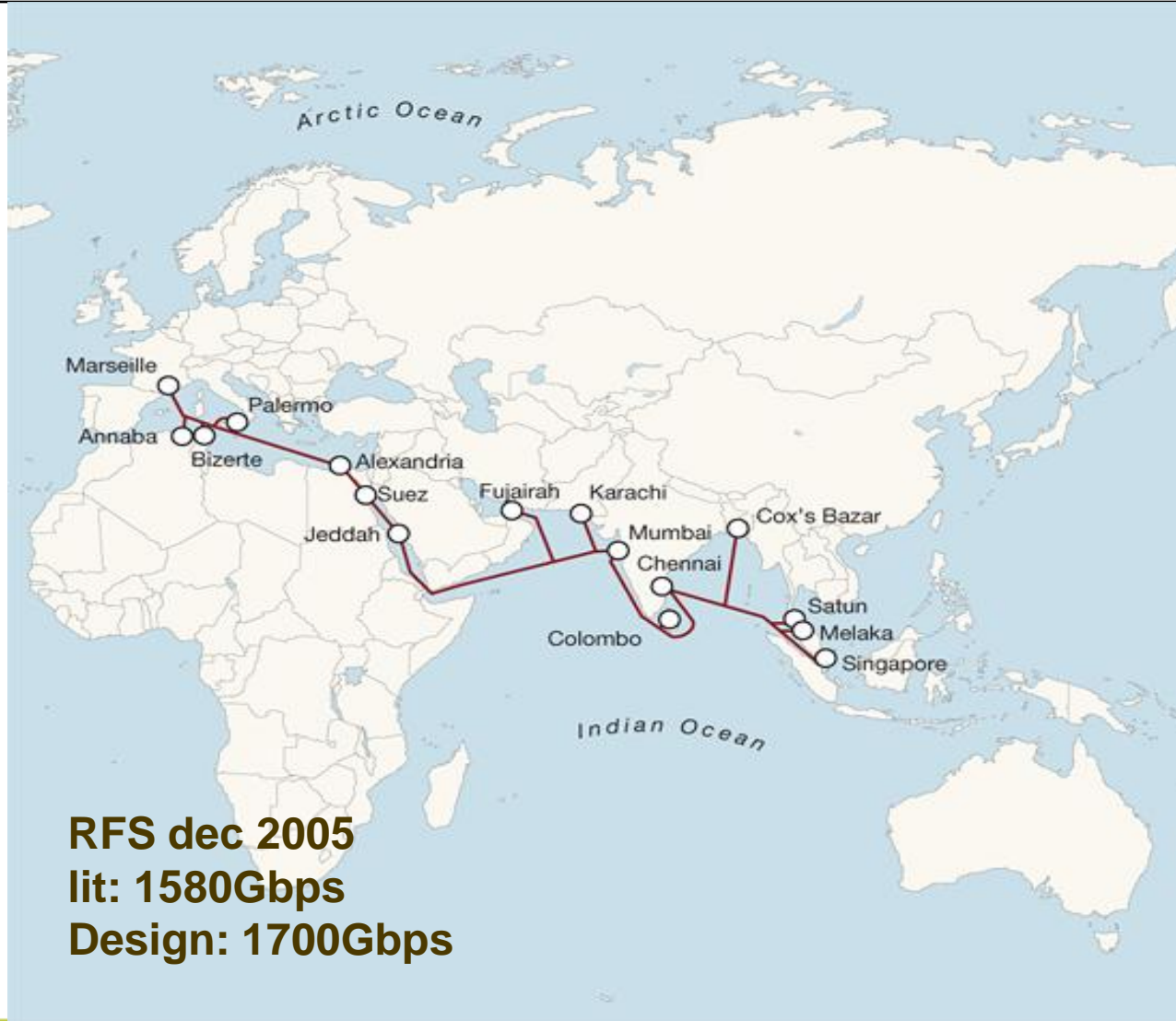
**EIG: Alexandria and Libya**



**1) SMW-3**



## 2) SMW4



**3) IMEWE**

**RFS: dec 2010**  
**lit: 520gbps**  
**Design: 3840gbps**

**Owners:**  
**Bharti Airtel, Etisalat, France Telecom,**  
**Ogero, Pakistan telecom, Saudi**  
**Telecom, Tata Communications,**  
**Telecom Italia Sparkle , Telecom Egypt**



**4) EIG**

**RFS: Q3-Q4 2011**  
**Lit: 660gbps**  
**design: 3840Gbps**

**Owners: AT&T, Bharti Airtel, BSNL, BT, C&W, Djibouti Telecom, Du, Gibtelecom, Libyan PTT, MTN, Verizon Business, Omantel , Portugal Telecom, Saudi Telecom , Telkom South Africa, Telecom Egypt , Verizon Business**



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**4) Hannibal: Tunisia-Italy**



**RFS: oct 2009**  
**lit: 40 gbps**  
**design: 9000gbps**  
**Owner: Tunisia Telecom**



## 5) Orascom Med Cable: Algeria - France

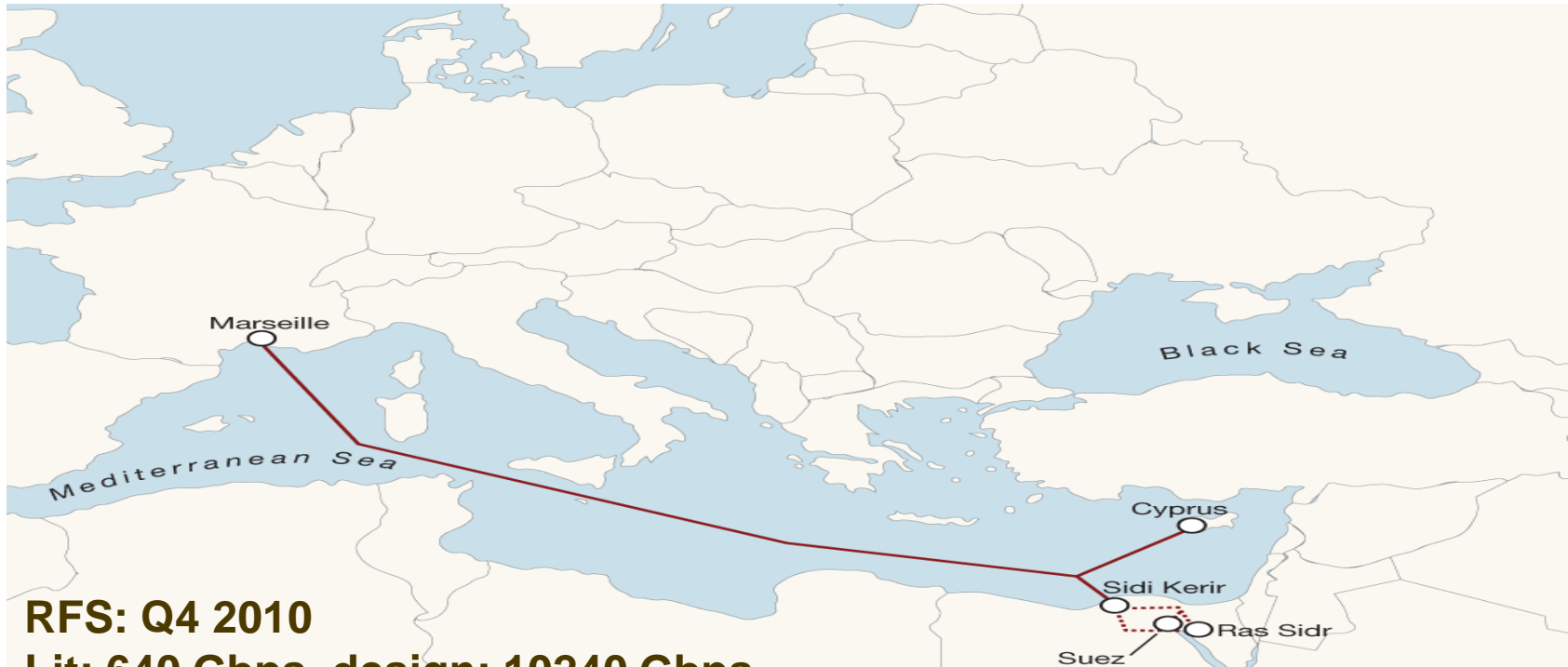


**RFS: oct 2005**  
**lit: 20gbps**  
**design: 1280gbps**





### 3) TE North



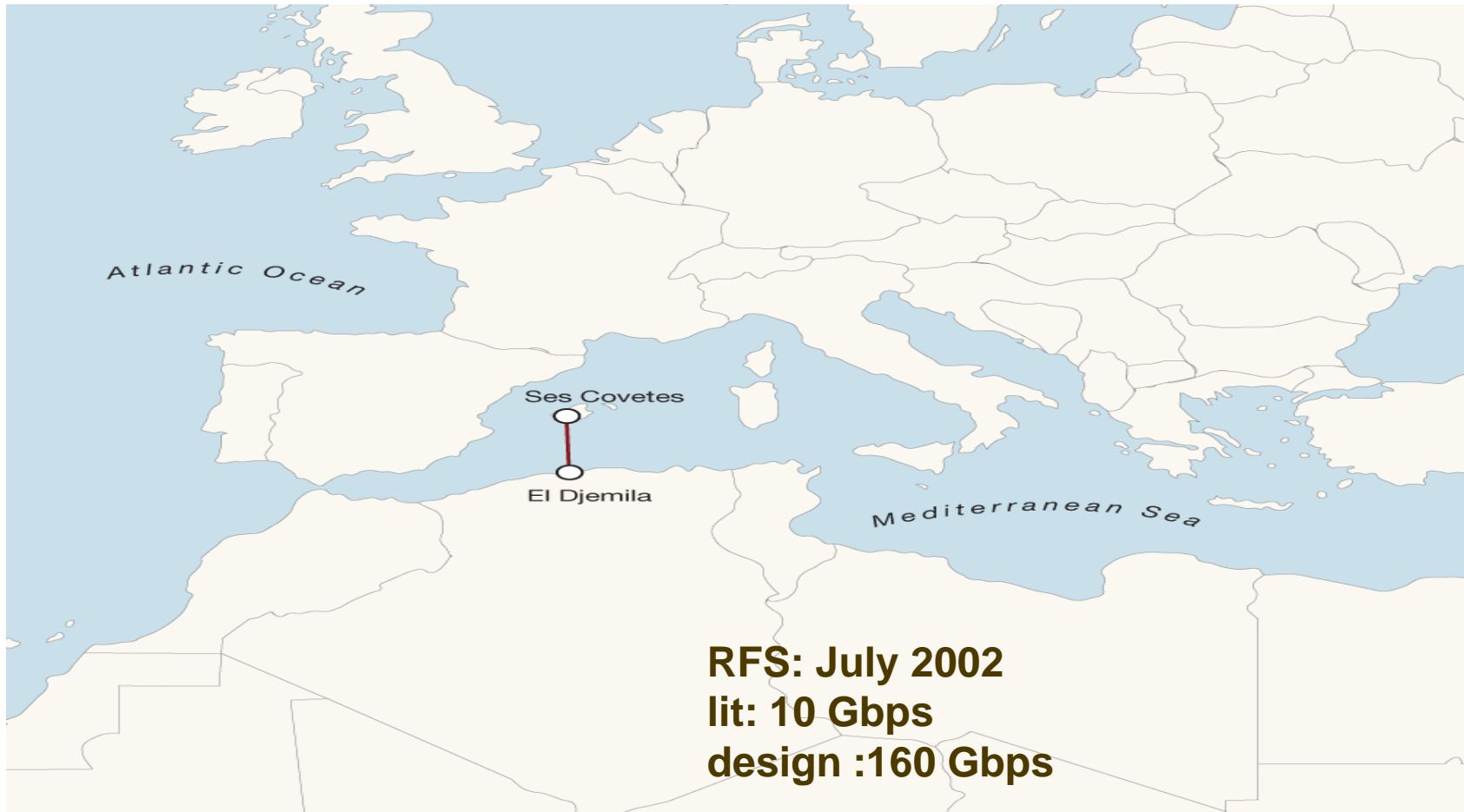
**RFS: Q4 2010**

**Lit: 640 Gbps design: 10240 Gbps**

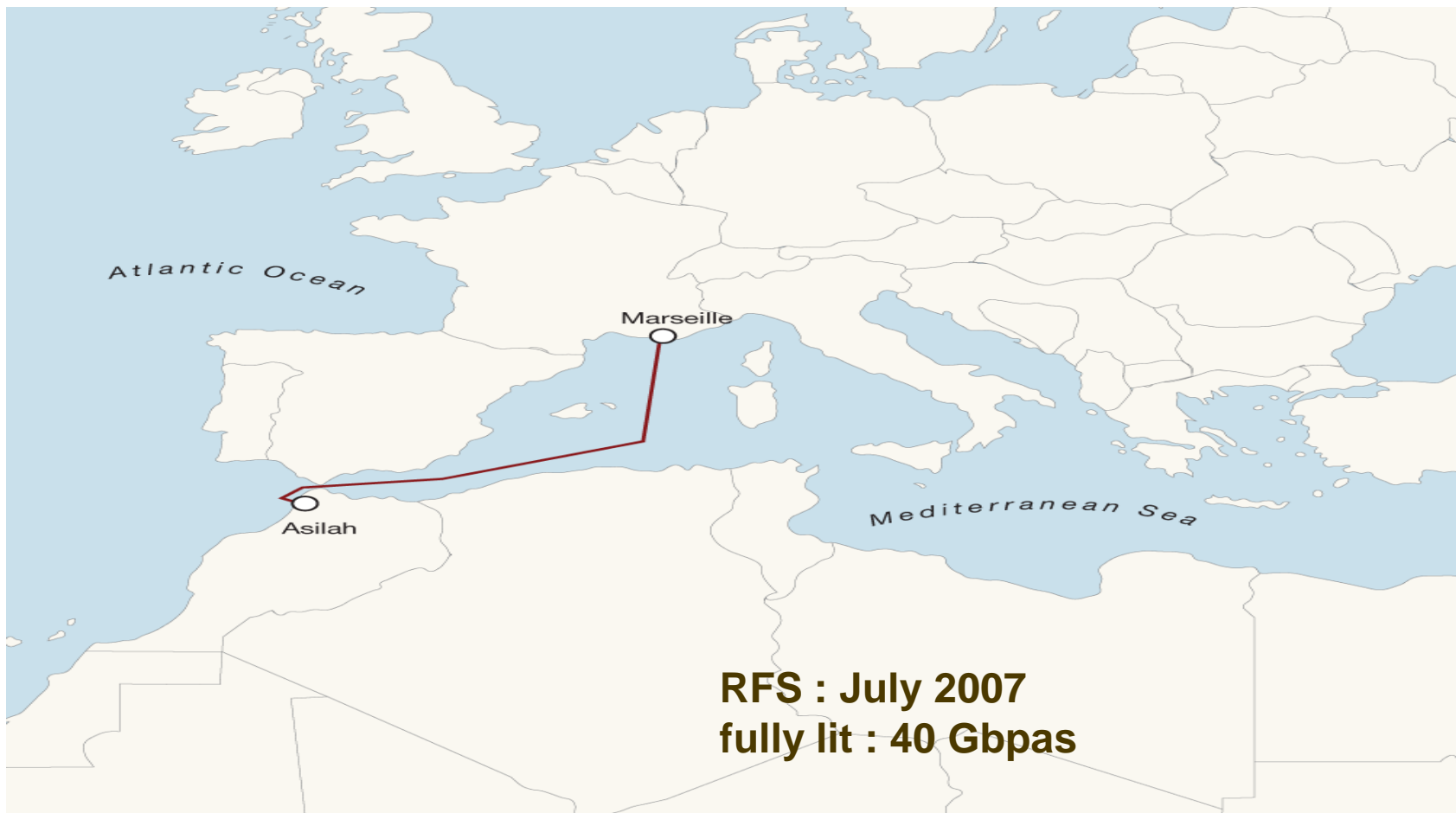
**TE North provides connectivity from the Red Sea to Europe for SEACOM and the Tata TGN-Eurasia system). CYTA (Cyprus) owns a fiber pair on TE North that it will operate as a separate sub-system called ALEXANDROS. The France-Cyprus portion was activated in September 2010.**



## 4) ALPAL-2: Algeria - Spain



**5) Atlas: Morocco - France**



## 6) Silphium: Libya to Greece



**RFS: late 2011**  
**Lit & design capacity ?**  
**Owner: Libya Int'l Telecom Comany**

